में, आपसी हित-चिन्ता के विषयों पर विचारों के आदान प्रदान में द्विपक्षीय व्यापार के संवर्धन में, सांस्कृतिक संबंधों, पर्यटन, विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कार्मिकों के प्रशिक्षण और बैंकिंग के क्षेत्र में सहयोग में सुविधा होगी। इन क्षेत्रों में भारत-ताजिक संबंधो का विकास दोनों देशों के लिए परस्पर लाभकारी होगा।

Proposal for Common Programme to Contain Militancy and Terrorism

1026. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate discussion with the South Asian Countries to have a Common Programme to contain growing Militancy and Terrorism;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c) SAARC countries after discussions have signed a Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism. In pursuance of its obligations SAARC Member States have recently agreed to meet once a year to discuss common problems, if any, relating to terrorism and to share information with each other on a "need to know" basis.

Imposing of Economic Sanctions Against India by USA

1027. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an influential group of nuclear proliferation experts of USA have taken a decision for imposing economic sanctions against India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to reports submitted by several informal non-governmental groups in the United States. One such report entitled "Non-proliferation and Arms Control Issues and Options for the Clinton Administration" has been prepared by an Ad-hoc Working Group on Non-Proliferation and Arms Control consisting of nuclear proliferation experts. The report is in the form of a series of policy recommendations for the new US Administration. One of the many options listed in the report refers to economic sanctions "to ensure that India does not go farther down the path of nuclear weaponisation". Government have noted the contents of this report and would take appropriate steps should the situation so warrant. A dialogue with the US Government at the official level on issues relating to disarmament, non-proliferation and regional security is currently underway. Government's position on these and related matters has been communicated to the US Government directly.

South-South Co-Operation

1028. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six model projects were undertaken by the Group of 15 developing countries as a concrete measure to give fillip to South-South co-operation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the unexplored potential areas of concrete co-operation among G-15 developing countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. The Group of 15 developing countries have taken up certain projects as concrete measures to further South-South cooperation.